

89th District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2002 – 11:00 a.m.

Nathanael Greene Lodge
6394 Wesselman Road
Cincinnati, OH 45248

Mr. Brayshaw, Chairman of the Integrating Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman-William Brayshaw, Ms. Eileen Enabnit, Mr. Richard Huddleston, Mr. William Moller, Mr. Timothy Riordan, Mr. Joe Sykes and Mayor Dan Brooks

Excused Absence: Mayor Savage and Mr. Tom Bryan

Alternate Members Present: Mr. Fred Schlimm (*Voting Alternate for Mr. Tom Bryan*)

Support Staff & Guest Present: Hamilton County – Mr. Joe Cottrill, Eric Beck, John Beck, Doug Riddiough and Mr. Ted Hubbard (*Alternate for William Brayshaw*); City of Cincinnati – Mr. Dick Cline, Joe Vogel and Prem Garg (*Alternate for Eileen Enabnit*); City of North College Hill – Mr. John Knuf; Delhi Township – Bob Bass

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Moller moved approval of the minutes from the 88th Integrating Committee Board Meeting dated September 27, 2002; seconded Mr. Sykes and the motion carried.

Old Business

♦ Nominations for Small Government Commission

At the last Integrating Committee meeting Mr. Tom Bryan was nominated by the board to serve on the Small Governments Commission. When the vote was taken there was not a full quorum present, so another motion was put on the table for the nomination of Mr. Tom Bryan for the Small Governments Commission.

Mr. Huddleston moved to nominate Mr. Tom Bryan to be on the Small Governments Commission; seconded by Mr. Sykes and the motion carried.

A letter from this district will be forwarded to the Small Governments Commission recommending Tom Bryan for that appointment. This letter will be sent prior to the November 1, 2002 deadline.

Support Staff Discussion – “Proposed Amendment” of Round #17 Rating System

Chairman Brayshaw noted the Support Staff did not have the adequate time to make an official recommendation at the last meeting. It was acknowledged that Mr. Fred Schlimm (*Alternate for Mr. Bryan*) would provide an update regarding a letter that was submitted by some of the members from the Support Staff. This letter was distributed to only Integrating Committee board members prior to the meeting by mail. (*A copy is on file with the District #2 Liaison Officer*). This letter acknowledges concerns regarding actions that occurred during the 88th Integrating Committee meeting dated September 27, 2002.

It was further acknowledged by Chairman Brayshaw that both sides would be heard before the board could reach a recommendation on the “Proposed Amendment for the Round #17 Rating System”.

After Mr. Schlimm shared his the concerns on Mr. Bryan’s, Mayor Brooks asked the following questions:

- 1) Do we as an Integrating Committee and a Support Staff agree that a pre-rating or some sort of a mechanism be set up so that jurisdictions are not penalized for trying to save a street or to keep it from going totally into disintegration?

Mr. Schlimm stated there is agreement that consideration needs to be given to past maintenance efforts for other communities. They have all talked about the communities that don't seem to do anything and let their roads deteriorate. These same communities get higher scores and receive grants, while others are making efforts to maintain their streets. It is felt that everyone is in agreement that we should look at this and give it consideration.

2) The next question is "Timing".

Mr. Schlimm agreed.

Mayor Brooks stated that he was quoted from the Integrating Committee minutes dated April 18, 2002. The following quote was read: "Mayor Brooks noted that he had concerns with the item "condition" and would like to put it on the table for discussion next year."

Mayor Brooks elaborated "next year" and not "this year". The Integrating Committee standpoint is that we need to separate the two issues:

- 1) Do we feel that it has some merit to visit the question as far as rating a condition relative to someone wanting to fix the street up because of safety, life, health and welfare? This should be a separate question.
- 2) Then the second question is when? Everyone seems to be in agreement that the concept is good, but how do we make it work and when do we apply it?

After further discussion, Mayor Brooks suggested two motions:

- 1) *Do we proceed and say it is ok with documentation?*
- 2) *When will it be applied?*

Chairman Brayshaw also added that the jurisdiction would be the one to document this effort. The City of Cincinnati would need to document the condition on River Road. Within the new round of funding they should go one step further. As a group they need to recommend to the Support Staff to fine tune what they would like to recommend as a way of giving credit for preventative maintenance to hold the road without having a lot of full depth work done in order to bring it up to standards. Preventative maintenance should be encouraged. As an Integrating Committee we need to recognize this as saving dollars for the future. If this program is available for more projects, then we are providing good management of the infrastructure and doing a good job. We need to develop a way to give credit for preventative maintenance.

Mayor Brooks noted that the two points need to be resolved, and whatever the end result is as far as policy goes, that would be months down the road. Every jurisdiction should be included, and whatever form the policy takes, it will be in Round #18 and not Round #17. This would include letting all jurisdictions know that we can present documentation in Round #17, and also acknowledging to them that we are not sure if it will be used or not.

Mayor Brooks proposed a motion to find a way to allow the jurisdictions within District #2 the right to go ahead and document existing conditions and what may be used in Round #18 for a consideration under condition; seconded by Chairman Brayshaw.

There was further discussion...

Mr. Riordan asked to take that motion and the items that were within the "Proposed Amendment". (*Proposed Amendment to the Program Year 2003 (Round #17) Rating Methodology Attached to Agenda*). He referenced the last paragraph stating that what is being suggested within the motion is that all jurisdictions "document existing conditions". The "Proposed Amendment" quotes "Once the Support Staff has rated the condition of the proposed project, the rating will be archived for Program Year 2004 (Round #18). In an effort to assure that this process is impartial and unbiased, no informa-

tion regarding the condition rating will be provided to the applying jurisdiction at this time. Rather, the rating will be held confidential until it is released to the applying jurisdiction along with the rest of its preliminary Round #18 rating points next fall.”

Mr. Riordan further explained that he was not at the last meeting and was unclear whether this “Proposed Amendment” was adopted at the last meeting. It was confirmed that nothing had been adopted. Mr. Riordan then stated that he liked the language, as it provided more protection for everyone and he would not be opposed to using it with the previous motion from Mayor Brooks.

Mayor Brooks acknowledged that he did not write the proposal and under his discussion the same question came to mind, with regards to the letter received from the Support Staff. He asked if there was anything that we should know as an Integrating Committee from the Support Staff that we should know before making any kind of decision? This was the first time that he had also seen the “Proposed Amendment”. “Who wrote it, who had input in it, and where did it come from?”

Mr. Huddleston stated that he had a great deal of respect for the letter that was put forth in response to the motion that was made. It was felt that it was with well intention, and it is hopeful that everyone will look at the bigger picture. Even though this was an eleventh hour request by a community within the Integrating Committee, we need to give them the benefit of the doubt that it was justified. This item had been talked about with the Integrating Committee and with the Support Staff in prior occasions. This is not an effort to ramrod something through. He further stated that he would hate to lose what has been perceived to be the tremendous unity that exists in professionalism that has existed in the Support Staff in our rating system and what we have been able to accomplish. It is hoped that this does not create a situation of ongoing disunity between the Support Staff. It was felt that both sides have articulated very well in what they want to accomplish and felt that we should move forward.

Mr. Moller also stated that he was not sure where the “Proposed Amendment” motion came from.

Mr. Cottrill stated that he had explained to both the Support Staff on September 6, 2002 and to the Integrating Committee on September 27, 2002 about the motion that was proposed at the last meeting. He had acknowledged at those meetings that if the intended motion had been passed, the Ohio Public Works Commission would reject it. He then acknowledged that an e-mail was forwarded to everyone with the actual text of the letter that was sent to OPWC; formally rejecting what had been done was invalid. A few days later Larry Bicking from OPWC called him directly and stated that if the district were to come up with a different type of motion with different guidelines, that OPWC would at least look at it and see if that would pass. That was communicated to Chairman Brayshaw and Dick Cline at the City of Cincinnati. Through a combined effort, Mr. Cottrill and Dick Cline wrote the language for the newly “Proposed Amendment”. This amendment was then reviewed by Larry Bicking and deemed correct by OPWC guidelines. The main reason it was not accepted the first time was because it was not presented as an “Amendment” to the Round #17 Rating Methodology. Now the language is acceptable with both the City of Cincinnati and with OPWC. Now it is up to the Integrating Committee to decide if it is acceptable.

Chairman Brayshaw stated there was still an issue on the floor...

Mr. Sykes stated at the last meeting of the Hamilton County Township Association, most of the feelings from the townships were in favor of giving points to jurisdictions that do good maintenance. The timing aspect is the biggest problem. They had a problem with doing something in this round that other people didn’t have a chance to get on board with. As far as the association members, everyone seems to be in agreement with the idea of going out and documenting. As far as berating it this session, most felt that was the biggest problem with the whole proposal.

Mayor Brooks noted that he had also spoke to several cities, and nobody was against the concept, in fact, they were very much in favor of it. The only problem is the timing issue. That's why he presented the two issues of "Concept" and "Timing". These items need to be dealt with separately.

Mayor Brooks again confirmed this motion as an amendment to the existing Round #17 Rating Methodology and the projects must be one that will be applied for in Round #18.

Chairman Brayshaw stated that our credibility needs to be maintained with the other 48 jurisdictions. It is important to keep our credibility; otherwise this whole system that has been worked on for 17 years is going to fall around us.

Mayor Brooks wanted to know the position of the Support Staff. Mr. Cottrill stated the Support Staff has not had enough time to discuss their position. Mr. Schlimm noted that he was not speaking for the Support Staff earlier and was speaking as Mr. Bryan's Alternate.

Chairman Brayshaw requested the Support Staff to share the their comments...

Mr. Bass pointed out in deference, to his colleagues that signed the letter, that if they didn't get the opportunity to speak at the last meeting, then they should be heard. This is not a situation where the Support Staff has had no input on this. They in fact had a 50-minute discussion on this very issue, discussing every possibility for how it could or could not work. They could not come up with a decision. This was the first time in the number of years that the Support Staff could not decide and felt it should be sent to the Integrating Committee for their decision. This would be with no recommendation from the Support Staff one-way or the other, because they could not come to a decision amongst themselves. Although the opposition may not have been heard the last time and they have today, this has been discussed at length by the Support Staff and it is something that cannot be determined.

Mr. Riddiough shared that when the proposal was presented at the last Support Staff meeting, it was done so informally. The meeting had been called to order for an entirely different reason. The information was presented informally and they were also told that the City of Cincinnati was going to go ahead with the proposal anyway. A vote was never taken. Several members discussed the matter and shared with the Support Staff that they didn't like the way it was presented. Mr. Riddiough acknowledged that he did not think of it as a formal proposal to the Support Staff. Mr. Schlimm agreed with Mr. Riddiough's comments.

Mr. Garg suggested that in the future when the Integrating Committee board is sent a letter that all Alternates be copied as well. Whoever mails it out, as a courtesy should also send a copy to all of the Alternates.

Mr. Vogel explained the motivation and timing issues behind the proposed project from the City of Cincinnati. The motivation because of the timing they had scheduled some temporary repairs to this project. It is not a maintenance issue as the roadway is going to be completely replaced in the future. It is in terrible shape right now and they were trying to dress it up before the winter. This is what led to the time crunch and why they felt they had to do something. The discussion that he and Mr. Cline had was, "If we do this we will kill them on Issue Two next year." So they elected to go ahead and do it anyway. In the back of their minds they knew this issue came up last spring on Mayor Brooks initiative and felt they might be able to address it. They were going to document the existing condition anyway and submit that information with the Round #18 application. But they chose to submit that request now, thinking it might help the project. That was the motivation and not to try to undermine the process. When the presentation was made, Mr. Vogel, or Mr. Garg would have been happy to make it, but it was convenient for Mr. Cline to present the information. If that created a problem with the Support Staff they apologize for that, as they did not intend to create this dissention in the Support Staff. It has always been felt that the Support Staff has always been well organized

and hope that it will remain that way. As far as the fairness issue, they did not intend to create an unfairness issue with this request. In their discussion they felt that any of the 48 jurisdictions could have done the same thing if they had chosen to. They did it, maybe it wasn't the best decision, but they didn't mean to create this problem for the committee members and Support Staff, and again they apologize.

Chairman Brayshaw stated they certainly need the Support Staff support on this program and don't want anything to divide the Support Staff.

Mr. Vogel continued again about the timing issue and stated their back was against the wall because of the onset of winter. There is plenty of time between now and Round #18 for other jurisdictions to be given the opportunity to make a similar request. It may behoove the Integrating Committee to consider that the deadline for Round #18 is not immediate and that there are five months where other jurisdictions could ask a similar thing, if they have a project like this that needs immediate attention. They were documenting the condition of that roadway anyway because it was a total loss. They were afraid that a superficial measure to improve credibility for a few years was going to damage their chances on a major improvement.

Mr. Riordan asked Mayor Brooks in terms of his motion where he was going next?

Mayor Brooks restated the motion as follows:

The Integrating Committee will allow jurisdictions to go out and document existing conditions on roadways that may be coming up. That was the simplification of the motion. Whether it's in Round #17 or Round #18 was another separate motion. The questions are two pronged.

Mayor Brooks asked, "Does everyone feel that the concept in directing the Support Staff to come up with a methodology and not penalizing jurisdictions for what the City of Cincinnati wants to do with River Road?"

Mr. Riordan stated that this motion in effect really gets around the "Proposed Amendment". This motion is an amendment to Round #17, which talks about having the Support Staff actually do a rating and not give it to the individual jurisdictions. He further stated that Mayor Brooks motion gets around that, in effect by saying, the individual jurisdictions can do it and it may be considered as we do Round #18. So what is really being said is "Don't deal with this "Proposed Amendment" right now because of process, lets deal with the other ones and people will be at risk in effect."

Mayor Brooks stated that there would be no archiving, since the Support Staff is not looking at it and the jurisdiction will archive it.

The second part of the motion is when? When seems to be the issue and the question that is still on the table. Does everybody agree that the jurisdictions should or are allowed to archive and document their existing conditions on the condition that it may be used at a later time?

There was further discussion and debate concerning this issue...

Mr. Riordan asked for Chairman Brayshaw to comment. Asking him if he thought this was a workable methodology? Chairman Brayshaw replied, "Yes" and felt that the jurisdictions documenting the case the best they can, should then be taken into account in the new rating system. The Integrating Committee would like the Support Staff to develop a way to incorporate that information. This would be the second area. Chairman Brayshaw stated that it was time to vote on the motion that was presented by Mayor Brooks previously.

The vote was taken and motion carried. 1st Mayor Brooks and 2nd William Brayshaw

Mr. Moller stated that in the interest of timing to get some input from the Support Staff on how this will play itself out in the next round. He would like to see something back very quickly. He explained that the City of Cincinnati would come up with the documentation and somehow that documentation would be incorporated into Round #18 with their application. The question still remains, that there needs to be some modification of the rules as to how this is going to work. His concern is that it not be left up in the air and that it be resolved quickly, as to how that information is actually going to be used. How is it converted in points and what are the criteria?

Mr. Cottrill noted the motion was for the jurisdictions to document the best they could and the Support Staff may consider that documentation in the Round #18 applications.

Ms. Enabnit stated they need some kind of item that has little boxes that you check off with points.

Mr. Cottrill stated this was not to assign points; it was for the Support Staff to consider that documentation when they go out on the Round #18 review.

Chairman Brayshaw stated that he understood it differently. In order for it to be fair with those jurisdictions that do preventative maintenance, there needs to be a way to address an existing condition that is archived and taken that into account in developing the point system. And if the point system is going to give credit for a band aide type contract, that it be a sub-part of the rating system. There is condition of exiting surface and there is also points given for preventative maintenance that was done in a timely manner to save the pavement and making it safer for the traveling public. This is two parts. If we are going to address this issue in the future, in a fair manner, they need to look at it both ways. Archived information that will give a basis for condition, but also look at what preventative maintenance was done to reduce the cost of the future construction. These two factors could be weighted together. This should be for the Support Staff to look at. This would address the issues that the townships, cities and villages have if they realize they can do a good job of preventative maintenance and get some credit for that.

Ms. Enabnit stated the Support Staff should come up with some criteria and points.

Mr. Cottrill acknowledged this would take place in Round #18 Rating Methodology. Right now the Support Staff is in the middle of rating; it will be close to Christmas before everything is concluded and everything is finalized with OPWC. There is no time to do that this year. The Support Staff meetings will start in late January 2003. At that time they will develop Round #18 Rating Methodology and incorporate what you have requested into that rating system. That will then be presented to you as an Integrating Committee. It will be mailed out and you will have ample time to discuss.

Chairman Brayshaw stated that it should be done prior to the timeframe for Round #18 Rating Methodology being approved.

Ms. Enabnit stated that the timely piece that needs to happen very quickly is to inform the other communities, so they can archive their stuff.

Mr. Cottrill stated this notice would be sent out as soon as possible.

Mr. Garg shared his comments regarding future presentations to the Integrating Committee.

◇ **Proposed Motion**

Chairman Brayshaw noted another item to be considered. He proposed a motion regarding how the Integrating Committee receives recommendations from the Support Staff.

Chairman Brayshaw made the motion that only consensus recommendations are to be presented by the Support Staff at an Integrating Committee Meeting; seconded by Mayor Brooks.

There was discussion...

Mayor Brooks stated the word "Consensus" bothers him. And wanted to know if the Integrating Committee will be getting the whole picture? He further added that he wanted to make sure that once that consensus has been reached, that all the information is brought forward.

Mr. Sykes stated that he didn't think they have proportional representation on the Integrating Committee. What we may need to do is if a consensus can't be arrived at that we give both sides an opportunity to discuss.

Mr. Huddleston stated the point is well made that the Support Staff has to work extremely hard at reaching consensus. But it should not prevent us from hearing both sides.

The motion was amended as follows...

Chairman Brayshaw restated the motion that if a consensus can't be reached, then both sides of the Support Staff should be heard in front of the Integrating Committee; seconded by Mr. Sykes.

There was further discussion and debate...

Mr. Schlimm made the recommendation that when Mr. Cottrill (District Liaison Officer) is making the overall Support Staff Report to the Integrating Committee, that he would have the opportunity at that time to let the board know that a consensus may or may not have been reached. Then both sides of the Support Staff could be heard.

Ms. Enabnit stated that when the Support Staff can't reach an agreement on a hot issue they should bring it forward to the Integrating Committee for further discussion. Everyone was in agreement and felt the previous motion should be withdrawn.

Mayor Brooks requested the previous motion be withdrawn; seconded by Mr. Sykes and the motion was rescinded.

New Business

♦ NRAC Nominations

Mr. Cottrill stated a Nominating Committee needed to be selected prior to the next Integrating Committee Meeting. There are currently four positions up for nomination. The NRAC members indicated below have already served one-year appointments. These candidates need to either be reappointed or the positions need to be advertised for the selection of new candidates. The Nominating Committee needs to be established from this board in order to make recommendations at the next Integrating Committee Meeting on November 15, 2002, as the NRAC Annual Meeting will be held on November 18, 2002. These positions are now slated for three-year appointments instead of one-year appointments. The current one-year NRAC candidates whose term expires in November are:

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| 1) William Brayshaw | District #2 Integrating Committee |
| 2) Jon Brady | Hamilton County Park District |
| 3) Paul Beck | Hamilton County Township Association |
| 4) Ron Miller | Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission |

The following members were recommended to serve on the Nominating Committee:

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| 1) Joe Sykes | 3) Tim Riordan |
| 2) Tom Bryan | 4) David Savage |

Chairman Brayshaw stated that Mayor Savage had acknowledged an interest last year in becoming a member of the NRAC. It was felt that Mayor Savage should be considered for his replacement on the NRAC.

Mr. Cottrill acknowledged that he would send out a News Release on Monday, October 14, 2002 by e-mail that the District #2 Integrating Committee is currently accepting nominations for NRAC appointments.

Next Meeting Date & Time

- ◇ The next Integrating Committee Meeting will be held Friday, November 15, 2002 at the Nathanael Greene Lodge, in Green Township at 8:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Brayshaw; seconded by Mr. Sykes and the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Listermann
Recording Secretary

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2003 (ROUND 17) RATING METHODOLOGY

THE FOLLOWING IS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2003 (ROUND 17) RATING METHODOLOGY ORIGINALLY PASSED BY THE DISTRICT 2 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE ON APRIL 18, 2002 AND APPROVED BY THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION ON MAY 13, 2002.

All jurisdictions in District 2 are permitted to apply for a "pre-rating" of the condition – and only condition - for a project to be applied for in Program Year 2004 (Round 18). The proposed project application **shall** meet the following criteria:

- 1) **The project must be one that will be applied for in Round 18 – *this is not a "fishing expedition" for the purpose of knowing whether or not a project is deemed worthy of applying for.***
- 2) **The applying jurisdiction has determined that immediate maintenance is required, and remedial work addressing this necessity is to be performed on the infrastructure before September 2003 - *an example of this would be an overlay of asphalt to extend the service life of the infrastructure another year.***
- 3) **The anticipated maintenance work would likely reduce the number of "condition" points that the project might have expected to receive if the maintenance work was not performed.**

Once the Support Staff has rated the condition of the proposed project, the rating will be archived for Program Year 2004 (Round 18). In an effort to assure that this process is impartial and unbiased, no information regarding the condition rating will be provided to the applying jurisdiction at this time. Rather, the rating will be held confidential until it is released to the applying jurisdiction along with the rest of its preliminary Round 18 rating points next fall.

PROPOSED MOTION – By Chairman Brayshaw

Only consensus recommendations can be presented by the Support Staff at an Integrating Committee Meeting.

This letter is being written and sent as a joint letter from the undersigned members of the Support Staff of District #2 concerning the actions that occurred during the 88th meeting of the Integrating Committee on Friday, September 27, 2002.

The matter involved is the request of the City of Cincinnati regarding rating of condition on one of its potential projects.

Our concerns are listed below:

- 1.) The way the request was presented.
- 2.) The person who made the presentation.
- 3.) The person who did not make the presentation.
- 4.) That the Support Staff, their views and positions were not presented or considered.
- 5.) That past precedents were ignored.
- 6.) That new precedents may well be set.
- 7.) That the actions can very well be perceived as being unfair by other jurisdiction.
- 8.) That the actions are in fact unfair to any jurisdiction not represented at the meeting.

We present the following to point out our concerns as enumerated above.

- 1.) Mr. Cline is well known to the Integrating Committee as a long time member of the Support Staff. While Mr. Cline noted that he was "wearing another hat" none the less the Committee might have difficulties in forgetting he was a Support Staff member. In no way did Mr. Cline, as honesty would require, indicate that the proposal had been informally (verbally) presented to the Support Staff AND that several members of the Staff had problems/objections to the city proposal.

The Integrating Committee could easily assume that the Support Staff was in agreement. Note that Mr. Cline is the only Support Staff person in attendance who had a voice in the meeting. The Support Staff does not have a voice and can speak only when asked to do so. Some of us in attendance would have spoken if asked.

- 2.) Mr. Cline, as indicated above, thus unfairly abused his position and privileges in making the presentation (It is difficult to serve two masters). The person who signed the City's letter of request and therefore was responsible for its content was in fact present in the room. Why did he not do so? The City's well rehearsed plan was purposely developed to cloud the position of the Support Staff.
- 3.) Why did Mr. Prem Garg remain silent?
- 4.) At no time during the discussion was a question raised about Support Staff position in the matter, whether we had discussed it or had alternative recommendations. Mr. Cline (and the City) had successfully had his way.

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5.) The question was never raised as to previous precedents. There are some

- a. Several rounds back, Columbia Township filed an application for a SCIP grant which included, among other components, the reconstruction of several streets. These streets had received a slurry treatment as a band-aid repair to hold the streets together until such time as funding could be acquired. The point award under the condition category was minimal as it was noted that the recent slurry treatment of the pavement surface looked to be in good shape, despite the fact the streets were in need of reconstruction as put forth in the application for this project.
- b. In a previous round, the City of Cincinnati applied for funding to relocate Mehring Way to make room for the Paul Brown Stadium. Aside from normal deterioration due to the age of the street, there was little wrong with the pavement but it was in the way or something else. At the time of the field review (rating) Mehring Way had been closed to traffic and the pavement badly broken by heavy construction equipment.

The City of Cincinnati did not request that Mehring Way's condition be rated as it had been prior to closure and broken up by construction equipment but as it was at time of field review and rating. That was the rule.

Mr. Seitz, a former member of the Integrating Committee, during a meeting to review the list of rated projects, asked why was a closed and broken road so rated? The reason was that those were the rules that the Support Staff and Committee had set, and we were bound to them.

Now the city, in a 180° reverse of field, wants to rate a previous condition rather than as it is now.

- 6&7) The Support Staff for some time has agreed that something must be done to address the current situation of jurisdictions getting funding in part by failure to maintain. We also all understand that the direction given to us by the Integrating Committee was to meet and prepare a proposal to be recommended to the Integrating Committee to be used in round 18. The direction was not to a single member or jurisdiction to do so.

The Support Staff has thus not met regarding the problem. The Support Staff did meet on Friday, September 6, 2002 to review procedures for round 17 review and ratings. At the meeting, Mr. Cline informed us that the city would be making a proposal to the Integrating Committee and that it would be doing this unilaterally without consideration by the Support Staff. Mr. Cline briefly and verbally indicated the City's intent. Several of the Support Staff expressed concerns, especially concerns related to fairness. Otherwise, the matter was not discussed.

Had the Support Staff discussed the problem situation we may have devised a similar proposal as the City had proposed or something totally different and just as effective.

The City's proposal and the Integrating Committee's action seem to have aborted Support Staff's action before we had a chance.

- 8.) That the Integrating Committee instructed that letters be sent to all jurisdictions advising them of their opportunities to make similar requests goes little distance in addressing fairness and perceived fairness. The timing alone is unfair. The city had five months to prepare its proposal but submitted it at the last minute. If members of the Support Staff see unfairness and giving the City an unfair advantage won't various jurisdictions also see it? And the big problem is with timing. We would point out the following schedule.

The letters go out to all the jurisdictions by Friday, October 4, 2002.

Those receiving the letters, must summon Staff, review the letter, scurry around to determine which projects they intend to submit in 2003 and draft letters of request for 2002 field review.

With the approaching winter paving shut down, the various jurisdictions must consider what work or concerns already under way must be delayed or disrupted.

The Support Staff must then gather quickly to permit field review and rating in time to permit roads to be prepared for winter.

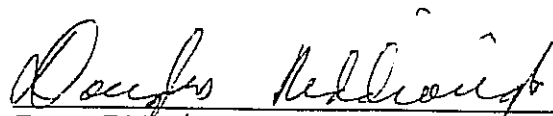
The jurisdictions represented on the committee and the Support Staff already have an edge on those not represented (they know one week earlier). Is all this fair?

One of the regrettable consequences of Mr. Cline's actions is that the long time harmonious and trusting working atmosphere within the Support Staff has been disrupted. We are now split into factions.

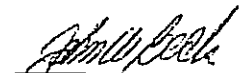
We are writing this as our only means of bringing our concerns to your attention (we can not speak at the meeting, as does Mr. Cline).

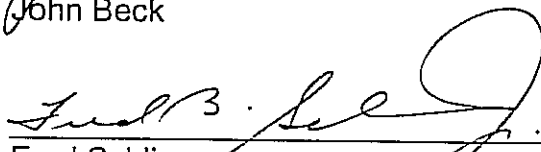
While there was some sense among some of us for resigning over this unnecessary occurrence, we will continue to serve as best we can should that be your choice.

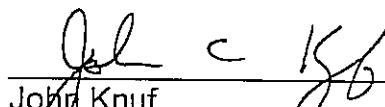
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89th District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting

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Cincinnati, OH 45248**

October 11, 2002 – 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1.) Meeting Called to Order**
- 2.) Approval of the 88th Integrating Committee Meeting Minutes of 09/27/02**
- 3.) Old Business**
 - A. Nominations for Small Government Commission – *(Vote Required)***
 - B. Support Staff discussion regarding the proposed amendment of Round #17 Rating System.**
 - C. Consideration of proposed amendment to Round #17 Rating System. *(Vote Required)***
 - D. Proposed motion by Chairman Brayshaw regarding recommendations of the Support Staff.**
- 4.) New Business**
 - A. NRAC Nominations – Establishment of Nominating Committee**
- 5.) Next Meeting – Friday, November 15, 2002 @ 8:00 a.m. (NGL)**
- 6.) Adjournment**

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